

Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
Hazardous Material Endorsement
Requirements
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Information Requirements

- Name
- Current residential address
- Current mailing address
- (if different than current residential address)
- Previous residential address
- Date of birth
- AKA previously used
- Height, weight, hair color, eye color
- Gender
- Social Security Number
- City, state and country of birth
- State of application (State of Record)
- Drivers license number
- Type of endorsements held
- Immigration status (alien registration number, naturalization date)
- Current employers (name, address, telephone number)

Certification of the following:

- Is applicant wanted or under indictment in any jurisdiction, civilian or military, for any disqualifying crime?
- Was applicant convicted or found not guilty by reason on insanity for any interim disqualifying crime in last 7 years?
- Was applicant convicted or found not guilty by reason on insanity for any permanently disqualifying crime?
- Was applicant released from incarceration in any jurisdiction, civilian or military, for any disqualifying crime in last 5 years?
- Was applicant adjudicated as mental defective or involuntary committed to mental institution?
- Is applicant U.S citizen who has not renounced US citizenship, or lawful permanent resident of US?
- Branch of military service?
- Dishonorable discharge?

(Driver's may be required to show official documents pertaining to the above information)

Eligibility Requirements (plus Over 21 and Valid CDL)

A driver must be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident; cannot have a disqualifying criminal offense; cannot be adjudicated as mentally incompetent or involuntarily committed to a mental institution; and must not pose a threat of terrorism or a threat to national or transportation security.

Certain criminal convictions are disqualifying for life, including terrorism; espionage; sedition; treason; unlawful possession, use, sale, distribution, or manufacture of an explosive; crimes involving a severe transportation security incident; improper transportation of hazardous material; and conspiracy or attempt to commit any of these crimes.

Other felonies are disqualifying if the conviction occurred in the past seven years, was released from incarceration for committing the crime in the past five years, or is wanted or under indictment for the crime. These crimes include murder; assault with intent to murder; arson; kidnapping or hostage-taking; rape or aggravated sexual abuse; unlawful possession, use, sale, distribution, or manufacture of an explosive device, firearm or other weapon; extortion; robbery; distribution of, intent to distribute, or importation of a controlled substance; dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation, including identity fraud; bribery; smuggling; immigration violations; violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO); and conspiracy or attempt to commit any of these crimes. All the crimes are disqualifying regardless of the jurisdiction, civilian or military.

Hazmat Disqualifying Crimes

Please note: Any Hazmat truck driver who has a disqualifying offense that prohibits holding a Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HME) **must immediately surrender** the HME to the state Department of Motor Vehicles. A driver may then reapply for a HME, or submit a request for a waiver.

The following list was specifically designed to identify disqualifying crimes that pose a potential threat to the nation's transportation network. The list is comparable to assessment standards applied to millions of airport and airline employees.

These crimes are only disqualifying if they are considered felonies in the appropriate jurisdiction, civilian or military. A driver is **disqualified** from holding a HME if he or she was convicted* or found not guilty by reason of insanity within the past seven years, was released from prison within the past five years, or is wanted or under indictment, for any of the following crimes:

- Assault with intent to murder
- Kidnapping or hostage taking
- Rape or aggravated sexual abuse
- Extortion
- Robbery
- Arson
- Bribery
- Smuggling
- Immigration violations
- RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act) violations
- Distribution of, possession with intent to distribute, or importation of a controlled substance ("simple possession" of a controlled substance *without* an intent to distribute is **not** considered disqualifying)

- Dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation, including identity fraud (e.g., felony-level embezzlement, tax evasion, perjury, and false statements to the Federal government)
- Unlawful possession, use, sale, distribution, manufacture, purchase, receipt, transfer, shipping, transporting, import, export, or storage of an explosive device, firearm, or other weapon
- Conspiracy or attempt to commit any of these crimes

* Convicted means any plea of guilty or nolo contendere or any finding of guilt.

A driver will be **permanently disqualified** from holding a HME if he or she was ever convicted or found not guilty by reason of insanity of any of the following crimes:

- Murder
- Terrorism
- Espionage
- Sedition
- Treason
- Unlawful possession, use, sale, distribution, or manufacture of an explosive
- RICO violations (if the crime underlying the RICO conviction is on the list of permanently disqualifying crimes)
- A crime involving a severe transportation security incident (i.e., security incident involving a significant loss of life, environmental damage, transportation system disruption, or economic disruption in a particular area)
- Improper transportation of a hazardous material (minor infractions involving transportation of hazardous materials will not disqualify a driver; for instance, no driver will be disqualified for minor roadside infractions or placarding violations)
- Conspiracy or attempt to commit any of these crimes